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1. ZANTOVSKY (HEAD SIXTH DEPARTMENT MFA) ASKED CHARGE TO COME BY APRIL 29 TO DISCUSS VE CELEBRATIONS. HE SAID HE WANTED TO GO OVER FINAL PLANS FOR JOINT US-CZECHOSLOVAK WREATH-LAYING CEREMONIES, STRESSING THAT THIS WAS NEW STEP FOR CZECHOSLOVAKS AND OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN THEIR EYES.

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2. ARRANGEMENTS WERE AGREED UPON FOR JOINT CEREMONIES AT CHEB AND AT LNAR ON MAY 8 AT 11:00 AM. CZECH WOULD HAVE REPS PRESENT FROM MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, ANTI-FACIST FIGHTERS LEAGUE, AND NARODNY VYBOR (NATIONAL COMMITTEE), PLUS INTERPRETERS, AT EACH PLACE. POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO CZECH SOLDIERS WOULD BE PRESENT TO HONOR THE OCCASION AND HELP IN PLACING WREATHS. AFTER CEREMONY, LUNCHES WOULD BE OFFERED IN BOTH PLACES FOR AMBASSADOR AND FOR DCM AND THOSE ACCOMPANYING THEM, INCLUDING MILATTS.

3. TURNING TO POSSIBLE US RECEPTION, ZANTOVSKY SAID HE HAD RESEARCHED SCHEDULE AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND DURING WEEK OF MAY 5-9, I.E. WHILE AMBASSADOR WAS IN TOWN. IF WE HELD RECEPTION AFTER MAY 9, DEPUTY FONMIN, DEPUTY MIN OF DEFENSE, AND SIMILAR OFFICIALS WERE PREPARED TO ATTEND. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS UNABLE TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN PRAGUE, AND WE FELT IT BETTER NOT TO TRY TO HOLD THE EVENT IN HIS ABSENCE. THEREFORE CHARGE EXPECTED RECEPTION WOULD NOT BE HELD, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD CONFIRM THIS DEFINITELY TO MFA LATER. (COMMENT: AS THE AMBASSADOR HAS POINTED OUT, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, IT LOOKS AS IF THE FORWARD STEP IN JOINT WREATH-LAYING IS ABOUT ALL THE TRAFFIC WILL COMFORTABLY BEAR THIS YEAR, AND WE WOULD DO BETTER TO RULE OUT RECEPTION. UNLESS EMBASSY HEARS OTHERWISE FROM DEPARTMENT OR FROM AMBASSADOR, WE WILL NOT PLAN RECEPTION, AND WILL SO CONFIRM TO ZANTOVSKY ON MAY 5.)

4. CHARGE TOOK OCCASION TO INFORM ZANTOVSKY THAT EMBASSY WAS PLANNING ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION MAY 23, AND THIS WOULD GIVE US OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE MANY OF SAME PEOPLE WE HAD PLANNED TO INVITE TO VE RECEPTION.

5. HARKING BACK TO STATEMENTS ABOUT PRESS TREATMENT OF US ROLE, ZANTOVSKY SHOWED CHARGE APRIL 30 ISSUE OF MAGAZINE VLASTA, WHICH HAD HALF-PAGE PHOTO SPREAD ON LINKUP OF US AND SOVIET TROOPS IN GERMANY WITH SOME KIND WORDS ABOUT THE WARTIME ALLIANCE.

6. ZANTOVSKY RETURNED TO SUBJECT OF VETERANS (REFTEL, PARA 4), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAYING THEY WERE STILL PREPARED RECEIVE UP TO TEN. CHARGE SAID HE HAD REPORTED THIS TO DEPARTMENT BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY ANSWER, AND HAD TO ASSUME THAT AT THIS LATE DATE WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY VETERANS. CHARGE SAID NOT TO PLAN FOR THEM UNLESS HE GOT BACK TO ZANTOVSKY RIGHT AWAY. CHARGE ADDED THAT PERHAPS IN FUTURE YEARS WE MIGHT GET STARTED ON THIS SOONER AND WORK IN A VETERANS' VISIT.

7. EMBASSY FOR ITS PART WILL PUBLICIZE US ROLE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN WAYS OPEN TO IT, E.G. BY POSTER DISPLAY AT CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE OF US ROLE, AND BY DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLET PREPARED BY DOD AND USIA. LOCAL AP AND REUTERS REPS HAVE EXPRESSED INTERESTED IN COVERING CEREMONIES AT CHEB AND LNAR, AND WE WILL ISSUE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE OCCASION.
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